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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT: BRANDT RESIGNATION

1. BRANDT RESIGNATION COMMANDS BULK OF PAGE ONE SPACE AND SUBSTANTIL INSIDE COVERAGE BOTH MAJOR BELGRADE DAILIES MAY 8, WITH PARALLEL PLAY BY ELECTRONIC MEDIA. FOCUS IS ON THE SURPRISE WHICH RESIGNATION GENERATED IN OTHER CAPITALS, ON "POLITICAL UNCERTAINTIES" AFTER BRANDT AND ON SPECULATION OVER REASONS FOR MOVE. GENERAL TONE OF STORIES IS REGRET AT BRANDT'S DEPARTURE.

2. POLITIKA BROKE STORY PAGE ONE MAY 7 IN SOME EDITIONS, THEN MAY 8 DEVEOTES THREE-FIFTHS PAGE ONE AND FIRST TWO INSIDE PAGES TO BRANDT, WITH SUBSTANTIAL COVERAGE FROM OWN CORRESPONDENTS IN OTHER CAPITALS. JURIJ GUSTINCIC FROM NEW YORK NOTES BRANDT "RESPECTED, BUT NOT LIKED IN WASHINGTON," SAYS U.S. PRESS FOCUSING ON HELMUT SCHMIDT AS "POSSIBLE HEIR" WHO IS "FRIEND OF U.S." EDITORIAL "BRANDT'S SACRIFICE" ASKS IF CHANCELLOR WANTED TO ACHIEVE SOMETHING MORE PERFECT THAN REALISTICALLY POSSIBLE IN "CONTROVERSIAL" POSTWAR GERMANY AND THAT HE "SACRAFICED MORE THAN HIS CAREER" IN RESIGNING.

3. BORBA PLAYS BRANDT FOR HALF OF PAGE ONE, USING TANJUG CORRESPONDENT SLOBODAN OBRADOVIC'S STORY CALLING CHANCELLOR'S UNCLASSIFIED
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DEPARTURE POSSIBLE "IRREPLACEABLE LOSS" FOR GERMANY, EUROPE AND WORLD PEACE. INSIDE STORIES FROM OTHER CAPITALS BY TANJUG

AND AP TAKE UP THREE COLUMNS, INCLUDING AP FROM NEW YORK,
WITH HEADLINE "MOSCOW: REASONS FOR WORRY."

4. NOVI SAD DNEVNIK COMMENTS THAT "EMPTINESS WILL BE FELT"
AFTER BRANDT'S DEPARTURE.

5. THE GUILLAME AFFAIR, INCLUDING ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE BRANDT
RESIGNATION, HAS PLAYED AS A STRAIGHT NEWS STORY BY YUGOSLAV
MEDIA FROM THE BEGINNING.
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